



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

BRASCH *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/695,065

Filed: October 25, 2000

For: **Methods of Manipulating and  
Sequencing Nucleic Acid Molecules  
Using Transposition and  
Recombination**

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**Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Filed concurrently herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 in the above-referenced matter. Therefore, in reply to the Office Action issued in this matter on April 11, 2002 (Paper No. 11), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. It is respectfully believed that entry and consideration of these amendments and remarks is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, since this submission is being filed prior to payment of the issue fee, abandonment of the application, or filing of a Notice of Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. The amendments are provided in the following format:

(A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;

(B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and MPEP § 714; and

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(C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

***Amendments***

Please amend the application as follows:

***In the Claims:***

(a) Please cancel claims 30 and 31 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter encompassed thereby. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute these claims in one or more continuing or related applications.

(b) Please amend the remaining claims as follows:

Please substitute the following claim 14 for currently pending claim 14:

14. (Once amended) A method of cloning a nucleic acid molecule or a population of nucleic acid molecules comprising: